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Remarks

To response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects species (1), drawn to claims 1-8, 16-18, characterized by Figures 2A-2F, with traverse. Further, although the Restriction Requirement indicates that none of the claims are generic, Applicant respectfully submits that that amended claim 1 is a generic or a linking claim embracing both alleged species (1) and alleged species (2).

The alleged species (1) (corresponding to claims 1-8, 16-18) and the alleged species (2) of (corresponding to claims 1, 9-15, 19-21) of the present invention claim a method of fabricating a polysilicon thin film, wherein the density of the protrusions on the polysilicon layer can be effectively reduced. The alleged species (1) of the invention is drawn to reducing the density of the first protrusions by performing a first annealing process to liquidize the first protrusions having a thickness of Z1 or less to form a plurality of second protrusions, wherein the number of second protrusions is less than the number of the first protrusions. The alleged species (2) of the invention is drawn to reducing the density of the first protrusions by etching a portion of the first polysilicon layer to remove the first protrusions and the first polysilicon layer having a thickness of Z2 or less to form a plurality of second protrusions, wherein the second protrusions is less than a number of said first protrusions. The alleged species (1) and the

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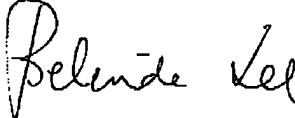
alleged species (2) of the present invention are neither mutually exclusive, independent nor distinct. A restriction to one thereof is thus not proper.

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